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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN ON NATO

1. WE HAVE ALL BEEN STRUCK BY WHAT APPEARS TO US TO BE THE GROWING MATURITY OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY UNDER ANKER JORGENSEN'S LEADERSHIP. HIS PARTICIPATION IN SUMMIT MEETINGS, CONTACTS WITH WORLD LEADERS PRIVATELY, AND THE RESPONSIBILITY CONNECTED WITH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO AND THE EEC HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY CONTRIBUTED TO THIS CHANGE. IT HAS ALSO MADE THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE OTHER LEADERS OF THE PARTY LESS FEARFUL AND LESS TOLERANT OF THE MORE PROVINCIAL PARTY VOICES.

2. SUPPORT FOR THIS VIEW MAY BE SEEN IN THE GOVERNMENT'S GROWING COMMITMENT, OFTEN PUBLICLY RESTATED IN RECENT MONTHS, TO THE POLITICAL COOPERATION WORK OF THE EEC. AND THIS AFTER DENMARK'S ENTRY INTO THE EEC IN 1973 WAS JUSTIFIED PURELY ON ECONOMIC GROUNDS.

3. THE SAME ATTITUDE IS ALSO DEMONSTRATED IN AN ARTICLE BY ANKER JORGENSEN WHICH HAS JUST COME TO OUR ATTENTION ON DEN-
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MARK AND NATO. (THE ARTICLE WAS ONE OF SEVERAL WRITTEN BY DANISH PARTY LEADERS ON THEIR POSITIONS ON NATO.) IN THE ARTICLE THE PRIME MINISTER EMPHASIZES DENMARK'S STRONG COMMITMENT TO NATO CITING US PARTICIPATION IN THE ORGANIZATION AS FUNDAMENTAL, DECISIVE FOR NATO'S CREDIBILITY, AND AS A "STABILIZING FACTOR" (READ WEST GERMANY). HE FURTHER STATES THAT NATO'S EXISTENCE IS INDISPENSABLE FOR DETENTE, AS ILLUSTRATED

BY THE FRG IN ITS CONDUCT OF AN EASTERN POLICY POSSIBLE ONLY
BECAUSE OF THE FRG'S FIRM BASE IN THE WEST.

4. WE BRING THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IT IM-
PORTANT, ON THE EVE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE UNITED
STATES, TO HAVE IN MIND THE STEADILY GROWING AND RESPONSIBLE
CONCERN WITH WORLD PROBLEMS WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER HAS DEMON-
STRATED IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. AT THE SAME TIME, HE AND OTHER
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADERS HAVE INCREASINGLY TURNED AWAY
- AND IN FACT CONTINUE TO LAMBAST - THE THREE PARTIES OF THE
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